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### **Outrigger Canoeing at Lake Cunningham**

*Kamali'i O Ke Kai's Community Appreciation Day*

**San José, CA** – San José Councilmember Rose Herrera joins the Kamali'i O Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Club at their Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the Lake Cunningham Marina. The public is invited to meet the outrigger canoe club members, paddle with them and learn more about their unique club and their traditional, competitive sport. There will also be a canned food drive in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank. Help them break their record of 212 pounds of food donations from their last Appreciation Day.

“I’m excited to be part of another community Appreciation Day at the lake and I am looking forward to showcasing Kamali'i O Ke Kai's exciting demonstrations and lessons at our annual Day in the Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>,” commented Councilmember Herrera. “I’m glad we were able to identify funding for the marina to stay open this summer, until October, allowing supporters time to fundraise for staffing and develop public and private partnerships.”

The marina was proposed for closure in the most recent budget process, but Councilmember Herrera continues to support keeping the marina open once again.

Kamali'i O Ke Kai (Ka•ma•lee•e•O•Ke•Kai), meaning "Children of the Sea," has done a great job at spreading the "Aloha Spirit" through outrigger canoe paddling and encouraging the diverse cultures of San José through family-oriented gatherings at their competitions. They have made the marina at Lake Cunningham Regional Park their home since 1988 and are one of twenty northern California canoe clubs that compete at diverse lakes and ocean side surroundings. They are not only a competitive outrigger canoe club, but a community organization that promotes a strong family environment.

**Event:** Community Appreciation Day  
**When:** Saturday, August 13, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Lake Cunningham Regional Park (2305 S. White Road)

With the guidance of Kamali'i O Ke Kai, you will have the opportunity to paddle an outrigger canoe and navigate around Lake Cunningham. Come on over and enjoy a nice summer day at the lake with Councilmember Rose Herrera and the club. Everyone is welcome, children and adults of all ages!

For more information on the Community Appreciation Day, please visit [www.kamaliiokekai.org](http://www.kamaliiokekai.org) or contact Anthony Styczynski at (408) 532-5173.